

ALABAMA

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Tornados-April 27th

NEW Situation Update (as of 5/19) from the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Alabama Commission staff is embedded at the FEMA Joint Field Office and coordinating efforts with their FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL).

NEW NCCC Southwest Region and United Saints Recovery Project

Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: May 17, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed to work on volunteer coordination, supply distribution, home repairs, and other necessary tasks.

NEW NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Madison, AL

Deployed: May 16, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team was deployed to Madison, AL, to conduct feeding operations, supply distribution, and other necessary tasks, with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and Bay Area Food Bank

Theodore, AL

Deployed: May 18, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team will be deployed to work on food donation management in Theodore, Alabama.

Situation Update (as of 5/9/2011) from the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The Alabama Commission has been activated at Level 1 at the State Emergency Operations Center has been since April 27, 2011. On Monday May 9, 2011 operations began to transition to the Joint Field Office in Birmingham. Additionally the Commission is:

- Coordinating VRC (VRCs listed at www.ServeAlabama.gov) coverage for the State in partnership with the Alabama VOAD.
- Providing coverage to t27 Disaster Recovery Centers
- Participating on the joint state/federal housing task force as housing Volunteer Florida staff are supporting the Joint Field Office (Birmingham) working with GFBCI staff on VRC support and transition planning to Long Term Recovery.
- Volunteer Florida and Serve Louisiana have provided consultation and materials to support the AL Commission inventory in some affected areas is almost non-existent.

Volunteers can register at 211 or by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov

Donations can be made by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov (the Commission utilizes Aidmatrix (the National Donations Management System)).

NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services

Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: May 16, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams were deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services on organizing donations, loading and unloading trucks, client assistance, clerical duties, and other general disaster relief tasks.

NCCC Atlantic Region and Alabama Service Commission, Hands On Disaster Services

Deployed Thursday, May 5, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams from the Atlantic Region have been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL teams to help support the Tuscaloosa Volunteer Reception Center and run a donations warehouse.

Volunteer and Information Center VISTA

- The Volunteer and Information Center VISTA project deployed 4 staff and 1 AmeriCorps VISTA member to set up and coordinate a VRC for the Cullman County area. 2,341 volunteers have been registered, safety trained and dispatched into the affected area.
 - VIC staff and the VISTA member trained the United Way staff in Cullman and volunteers to run and manage the VRC after the project left on Sunday evening. The sponsor worked closely with the Cullman County EMA director and Cullman City officials to identify needs and coordinate volunteer service of the thousands of (SUV's) Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers who arrived wanting to help.
 - A total of 13,944 volunteer hours were provided in Cullman County from noon April 29th until 6pm on Sunday.
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Volunteer and Information Center AmeriCorps*VISTA

- 5 staff and 2 AmeriCorps VISTA members were deployed to Elmore County, AL. Staff and VISTA members set-up the Volunteer Reception Center.
 - 527 volunteers were registered, provided safety training and deployed into the affected area. A total of 2,108 volunteer hours were provided by spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers in the Elmore County disaster response effort from 12 Noon until 5pm on April 28.
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United Way of Central Alabama/Hands On Birmingham AmeriCorps*VISTA

Birmingham, AL

- The sponsor is managing the 2-1-1 call center in Birmingham, AL. A total of 5,000 calls are reported by Call Specialists into the 2-1-1 system daily.
 - The United Way of Central Alabama VISTA sponsor in Birmingham, AL and Media General Inc. teamed up in a 22 hour telethon Wednesday, May 4 to raise money for victims of the deadly Alabama tornados. A total of \$700,000+ dollars were raised during the telethon.
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Hale Empowerment Revitalization Organization AmeriCorps*VISTA

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The AmeriCorps sponsor is coordinating relief efforts in the affected communities of Hale County, Alabama where 32 homes were destroyed, 16 receiving severe damage and 6 fatalities are reported. VISTA members had had an incredible impact in coordinating relief efforts

**Calhoun County RSVP
Jacksonville, Alabama**

The Calhoun County RSVP has opened a Volunteer Reception Center in the Ohatchee Alabama City Hall. RSVP volunteers are supporting relief efforts with distribution of supplies and feeding. The RSVP Volunteers have registered 700+ volunteers and have supported over 300 tornado victims.

Etowah County RSVP

Etowah County RSVP is working closely with the Etowah County VOAD in coordinating volunteers and donations in the aftermath of this deadly disaster.

**RSVP of Athens-Limestone County, Alabama
Situation Update (as of 5/2/2011)**

The south end of Limestone County received major damage and the East Limestone area was destroyed. There were four deaths and miles of damage to property owners and businesses. VOAD/RSVP volunteers were activated by Emergency Management Agency on 4/28/2011. 25 volunteers operated the Volunteer Reception Center serving a total of 140 hours and 1100 spontaneous volunteers were deployed in Limestone County.

National Preparedness & Response Corps

NPRC host sites have deployed members to support American Red Cross efforts in the wake of tornadoes and flooding in the southern and central states:

- NEW York has deployed four members to Alabama
 - Philadelphia has deployed two members to drive their Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Alabama
 - Chicago has deployed two members to Alabama to support feeding operations.
 - Springfield has deployed one member to drive the ERV from the Peoria, IL chapter to Alabama, and another member to work support shelter operations there, as well.
 - San Francisco has deployed two members to support the Safe and Well disaster survivor location program in Alabama.
 - NEW Orleans has deployed all five of their members to both Alabama and Mississippi to support a variety of Red Cross efforts in those states.
 - Santa Barbara has sent one member to Alabama to do casework.
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Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

An AmeriCorps member serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV). The ECRV is used to help disaster victims communicate with family/friends as well and has the capability of airing live via CNN and/or local airwaves.

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Madison, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region & HERO

Greensboro, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Madison, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Tuscaloosa, AL Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project

Tuscaloosa, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and United Saints Recovery Project

Tuscaloosa, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and Bay Area Food Bank

Theodore, AL Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT

Tuscaloosa, AL Monday, May 2, 2011 - May 17, 2011

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Tornados

COMPLETED NCCC Southwest Region

Fayetteville, AR April 27, 2011 - May 5, 2011

GEORGIA

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NEW Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism

The Georgia Commission hosted a highly attended volunteer day on May 7th which had a large presence by local AmeriCorps members.

**NEW NCCC Atlantic Region, Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism, and Spalding County Emergency Management Agency
Griffin, GA**

An Atlantic Region NCCC AmeriCorps team was deployed to Spalding County Georgia to assist state emergency management crews assess the damage and begin the process of debris removal and residential area cleanup throughout the county.

ILLINOIS

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Flooding

Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps

May 17-18, 2011

Due to recent flooding, Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps members will be doing an AmeriCorps Week project that focuses on helping flood victims get back on their feet. They will be hosting a food

and cleaning supply drive in which all items collected will be donated to flood victims in Cairo. AmeriCorps Members will be raising awareness of AmeriCorps with a Flood Recovery Service Project for Cairo, Metropolis, Cape Girardeau, and Carbondale. They will stuff a truck with cleaning supplies and nonperishable food items in Cape Girardeau and Carbondale.

Situation Update (As of Monday, May 9, 2011)

- Flooding in the Shawnee area continues. Many roads are closed, septic systems overwhelmed and wells contaminated. Potable water is being distributed. Many businesses are closed, including the RSVP program that serves the southern seven counties.
- RSVP volunteers are supporting IEMA's efforts to feed and shelter local residents.
- VISTA projects in southern Illinois are waiting to be asked to assist with flood relief efforts.

IOWA

NEW Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps program (ICAP)
Storm Lake, Iowa

Recent tornadoes left heavy damage to several communities in northwest Iowa. AmeriCorps members in ICAP who are serving at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, have volunteered with coordinating service projects in three counties (Sac, Buena Vista, and Pocahontas). AmeriCorps members have been sent mainly to farm homes, but have done continual projects in five specific regions. The members have also collected clothing, blankets and monetary donations to assist with the cleanup. On the university's day of service ("Buenafication" Day,) AmeriCorps members served as site leaders and led over 100 of their peers in tornado clean up. Projects are continuing and they send groups out sometimes daily. Their AmeriCorps members have been instrumental in direct service with the efforts, but also the behind the scenes work with coordinating service sites, follow ups, and mapping out projects.

KENTUCKY

Flooding

Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

- 5 members serving as shelter managers in Radcliff, KY.
- One member deployed on the Emergency Response Vehicle to Paducah, KY yesterday to provide damage assessment, bulk distribution, and feeding if necessary.
- One member, serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV).

Homeland Security Corps (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District)

Members are volunteering for significant amounts of time at the local shelters. Members are assisting with shelters in Owensboro and Henderson. Shelters are still open and they are also responding to requests to assist with sand bagging in Daviess County. Members are providing courses on operating Red Cross shelters.

Senior Connections AmeriCorps Program (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District-GRADD) Members assigned to senior centers continue to report to their service site and provide services that include telephone reassurance, friendly visits, transportations, chores and errands for their senior clients. Over the weekend members assisted with Shelters in Owensboro and Henderson. Shelters are still open and they are also responding to requests to assist with sand bagging in Daviess County.

Green River Area Development District (GRADD)

AmeriCorps members and GRADD staff are volunteering at shelters in Owensboro, Henderson, in Union County, and in Calhoon at the Senior Center. All shelters are still fully operational.

MISSISSIPPI

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Tornadoes-April 27, 2011

NEW Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service

In response to the April 27th tornadoes, the Commission has secured approximately 7,000 volunteers through 4 Volunteer Reception Centers. The Commission is currently supporting American Red Cross shelters and coordinating with the Disaster Recovery Center.

NEW Natchez Sr. Corps

Sr. Corps members are staffing a call center and working with seniors in the affected area.

NEW NCCC Southern Region

May 15-16, 2011

Twenty NCCC AmeriCorps members worked in the Vicksburg area around their campus providing flood-related work. Fourteen members served with Salvation Army at various locations, sorting donations at a thrift store, unloading trucks, and organizing a warehouse. Six members worked with the Vicksburg-Warren County Humane Society, assisting with an overwhelming number of pets and livestock displaced by the floods.

NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services

Tuscaloosa, AL

Deployed: May 17, 2011

Four AmeriCorps NCCC Teams from the Atlantic Region deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services setting up warehousing operations for up to 12 different warehouse locations.

NCCC North Central Region and Catholic Charities

Monroe and Chickasaw Counties, MS

Okolona, MS

Deployed: Monday, May 16 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members from the North Central Region deployed to Monroe and Chickasaw Counties in Mississippi to work with Catholic Charities focusing on debris removal, home repairs, conduct intake assessments, stock warehouse supplies, and possibly tarp roofs.

**NCCC Atlantic Region and Delmarva American Red Cross
Jackson, MS**

Deployed: Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members were deployed to help with Mass Care and Shelter Operations.

Mississippi Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP

Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are coordinating volunteers in Lafayette County, under the direction of the RSVP Program Director.

**Mississippi Lauderdale County Senior Corps RSVP and United Way of East Mississippi,
American Red Cross**

Volunteers are answering phones at the United Way of East Mississippi. RSVPs are also assisting the Red Cross as volunteers at the Union Baptist Church south of Meridian.

Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members at Piney Woods School

April 30, 2011

AmeriCorps State members from Piney Woods School worked with The Radio People for 12 hours on Saturday, April 30th, loading an estimated 100,000 pounds of supplies, water, and food onto a truck headed to Smithville, which was delivered to the MCVS VRC.

**Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-
Mississippi (ARM)**

Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM) are assisting their communities in the response.

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg

Vicksburg, MS May 9, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and NECHAMA

Smithville, MS Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and City of Vicksburg, MS

Vicksburg, MS Wednesday, May 04, 2011 - May 17, 2011

**COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region, NECHAMA, Mississippi Commission for Volunteer
Service**

Monroe County, Smithville, MS Sunday, May 1, 2011 - May 17, 2011

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Flooding and Tornadoes-April 22, 2011

Situation Update (As of Friday, May 6, 2011)

- AmeriCorps St. Louis is fully mobilized and providing support to meet challenges arising from both disaster events that have far exceeded local capacities
- An operational base has been established at the United Way of Greater St. Louis, to provide support for multi-agency coordination and collaboration, and to enable the use of 211 to intake needs from the disaster affected public and referral to helping resources.
- Base camp established in the Village of Riverview at the Lutheran Community Center to house and support responding out-of-state helping resources.
 - Two 11-person teams of NCCC Southwest Two 6-person teams from the State of Washington Conservation Corps.
 - Multiple Members from Grace Hill and the Riverways Project have also assisted in North St. Louis County
 - Members from Poplar Bluff's Promise AmeriCorps program have provided direct assistance: assisting with sheltering displaced residents, in-taking and organizing requests for assistance, operating a local supply point of distribution, and supporting a multi-agency resource center to supply helpful information to the public.
 - All of the above resources are being coordinated with several volunteer and faith-based groups including All Hands Volunteers, Missouri United Methodist Disaster Relief Team, Lutheran Disaster Response, NECHAMA Jewish Disaster Response and the Salvation Army. Many corporations have supplied organized groups of volunteers to assist.

**NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps
St. Louis, MO**

Deployed: Monday, May 02, 2011

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed to St. Louis to support the Missouri State Emergency Human Services and the AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps.

NCCC members are engaged in chainsaw work, emergency tarping, emergency home repair, debris removal and other housing stabilization services. They are coordinating and leading volunteers from the All Hands Network, as well as staffing the phones at the Volunteer Recruitment Center.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members in Poplar Bluff, MO are currently working at the local coliseum, signing up and organizing volunteers to help at an evacuation shelter.

**Washington State Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps
St. Louis, MO**

Southwestern Airlines has donated 12 round trip tickets and the 12 members of the Washington State Conservation Corps will be coming to St. Louis to conduct debris removal.

AmeriCorps*National Preparedness and Response Corps (NPRC)

Members have deployed with the American Red Cross to support response efforts in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Carolina:

- Two members from the Grant Woods Area Chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA are performing client casework in Jackson, MS. One member from the American Red Cross in Greater NEW York Chapter in NEW York, NY is working as a Shelter Manager at a shelter in Fayetteville, NC.
- Four members from the Southeast Louisiana Chapter in NEW Orleans, LA are serving as caseworkers in two locations: two in Oklahoma, and two in Mississippi.

Family Resource Center. The team assisted with debris cleanup, donations sorting and distribution and other tasks as needed.

TENNESSEE

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NEW Memphis AmeriCorps Members

Members are volunteering their assistance with sandbagging, delivering meals, and volunteering at local shelters.

Red Cross Rural Initiative

- The state-wide Red Cross Rural Initiative project has generated 91 VISTA-recruited Red Cross volunteers in the Bradley (Cleveland), McMinn, Meigs Polk County region.
- Volunteers have received Red Cross training and 22 of them were/are active as a result of the recent tornado activity.

Tennessee Campus Compact VISTAs Bradley County, TN

Two VISTAs, currently serving with the Tennessee Campus Compact, have been involved in recovery and one VISTA member was asked by local EMA to be the point of contact for the county.

Alexian Brothers-RSVP Chattanooga, TN

RSVP has several volunteers working in disaster response at the Salvation Army warehouse. The RSVP project is collecting non-perishable food, water, etc.

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT Cleveland, TN Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT Cleveland, TN Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - May 17, 2011

COMPLETED NCCC Southern Region and American Red Cross of Tennessee Chattanooga, TN May 2, 2011 - May 17, 2011

TEXAS

2011 Hurricane Season

NEW NCCC Southwest Region and OneStar Foundation, Inc.
Deployed: May 16, 2011

OneStar has been tasked with implementing a call center during times of large-scale disasters, such as hurricanes. Administration of the call center is comprehensive, including providing the space, equipment, volunteers and supervisors, phone scripts, training, coordination with other emergency management functions, and regular reporting to the State Operation Center. OneStar must be prepared to set up the call center by the beginning of the 2011 Hurricane Season which starts on June 1st. NCCC AmeriCorps members will partner with the Texas OneStar Foundation to develop a customized implementation plan for setting up and administering the call center. NCCC members would research other state call centers and best practices for implementing this type of emergency management resource. The desired outcome is that OneStar will be fully prepared on June 1st to implement a call center.

RESOURCES

NEW FEMA Mission Assignment-Alabama

CNCS DSU has received a FEMA Mission Assignment for approximately 48 members to work in Alabama assisting low-income, disabled, and elderly applicants with debris removal from private property, mobile home site preparation, assisting the operation of the state multi-agency warehouses, and supporting the state volunteer centers and donations hotline. CNCS DSU is in the process of securing these members from our NCCC resources and Cooperative Agreement partners and will provide an update on progress with the next brief.

NEW For those working in flooded areas

MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), is a bacterial infection that is highly resistant to some antibiotics. The bacteria can cause infection when they enter the body through a cut, sore, catheter, or breathing tube. The infection can be minor and local (for example, a pimple), or more serious (involving the heart, lung, blood, or bone). So, if you are working with the flood waters, victims, or doing damage assessment, be very careful, wear gloves, wash your hands regularly, and try to NOT touch anything unless absolutely necessary.

NEW Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced the release of FY 2011 grant guidance and application kits for 12 DHS grant programs totaling \$2.1 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector in strengthening our nation's ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

Further information on DHS's preparedness grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and www.fema.gov/government/grant/nondisaster.shtm .

State Service Commission Donation and Volunteer Coordination

For information on how to donate or where to sign up to volunteer in response to the recent natural disasters, please visit your State Service Commission's website. The following State Service Commissions are coordinating donations and volunteer opportunities in their states.

Alabama <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Hands On Birmingham is another good resource for Birmingham, AL
<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/>

Mississippi <http://www.mcvs.org/>

Illinois <http://www2.illinois.gov/serve/Pages/default.aspx>

Iowa <http://www.volunteeriowa.org/>

Tennessee <http://www.volunteertennessee.net/>

Note: If your State Service Commission is coordinating donations or volunteers and we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please email dsu@cns.gov with the relevant information and we will update the list in the next brief.

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NEW! Yakima, Washington crew helping put Moline Acres, Mo., back together after nasty twister <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2011/05/12/yakima-crew-helping-put-moline-acres-mo-back-together-after-nasty-twister>

NCS Press Release: National Service Response in Alabama

http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/NEWSroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=1978

[AmeriCorps joins other volunteers in fighting Miss. River flooding ...](#)

[Greenfield Daily Reporter](#)

Vicksburg for the past two years has been home to the southern region campus for **AmeriCorps NCCC**; the program is housed in a white-columned building that ...

NY Times Article with NCCC Atlantic Region Member in a featured photo. Vicksburg, MS

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/16/us/16flood.html?scp=1&sq=AmeriCorps&st=cse>

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NEW! The Southern Region NCCC members will be graduating next week, and so all Southern Region teams have been brought back to the campus. Other NCCC Regions will be supporting response efforts in the Southern Region in the interim period. The **NEW** class of Southern Region NCCC Members will be ready to activate in late July 2011.

About CNCS DSU

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) maintains a sustained commitment to disaster services through the Disaster Services Unit (DSU). The DSU is charged with coordinating the agency's activities (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) across

departments and programs. The DSU has a strong focus on building external relationships with national, state, and local leaders from the nonprofit, government and private sectors that are critical to success in this field. The CNCS disaster services unit is housed within AmeriCorps NCCC but has agency-wide responsibility for coordination of CNCS disaster services activities.

Disaster Services Unit Website - Compiled Disaster Briefs can be found here!

The CNCS Disaster Services website is now live!

http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/disaster.asp

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